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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND POLLOCK FISHERY
HINCHINBROOK SECTION CLOSURE
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-E-02-13**

The directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery in Prince William Sound (PWS) Management Area's Inside District opened January 20 with a fishery guideline harvest level (GHL) of 5.78 million pounds. The Inside District is divided into three sections: Hinchinbrook, Knight Island, and Bainbridge with harvest from any section restricted to 60% of the GHL.

Based on current harvest reports and harvest projections the department expects the target harvest level of 3,469,635 pounds will be taken by 4:00 p.m. January 22, 2013. Therefore, **the directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery in the Hinchinbrook Section of the PWS Management Area will close at 4:00 p.m. January 22, 2013** for the remainder of the calendar year.

Pollock fishing will remain open in the Knight Island and Bainbridge Sections until either the GHL or bycatch levels are achieved at which point the fishery will close by emergency order.

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